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HARFORD COUNTY**Parents sue, allege rape of their retarded child**

A \$300,000 negligence suit has been filed against the Harford County school board and four educators by parents of a mentally retarded Edgewood High School student allegedly raped at a school outing by at least two of her special education classmates.

Named as defendants in the suit filed in Circuit Court in Bel Air are Stephen Williams, an Edgewood High School counselor; Diane Pulling, former acting assistant principal; and two special education teachers, Donna Miller and Joan Portanova. They are accused of failing to heed warnings the alleged rape victim was "particularly susceptible to coerced sexual activity" and of inadequate supervision at a June 8, 1984, outing at Flying Point Park in Edgewood.

SECURITIES SALES**LaRouche-linked group told to curb activities**

The state securities commissioner has ordered an organization associated with the activities of Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., a former presidential candidate, to stop using unregistered agents to sell securities in Maryland.

The order stemmed from an investigation into the sale last summer of \$100,000 in promissory notes to an unidentified 79-year-old Cockeysville woman.

The Securities Division of the state attorney general's office said the woman was told that her "invest-

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ment" would be used to produce a television program and Spanish-language publications dealing with Latin America, the International Monetary Fund and drugs. It said she was influenced by the promise of returns of 12 percent or more on notes of \$60,000 and \$40,000 agreed to last summer.

The woman provided the money to Caucus Distributors, a not-for-profit corporation registered in New York whose directors include frequent Maryland political candidate Lawrence K. Freeman. Unsuccessful efforts to obtain more information about Caucus Distributors and a refund of her money prompted a request for the state to look into the matter, according to the state.

"The attorney general's office knows, has been told by my lawyer, that we're not violating any provision of securities transactions in Maryland," Mr. Freeman said last night. He denied that Caucus had engaged in any fraudulent activity and contended that the state inquiry was politically motivated.

TOWSON DEALER**Car repairs were done needlessly, state says**

A Towson auto dealer repeatedly violated state consumer protection laws by telling customers their cars needed repairs that in fact were unnecessary, the attorney general's office said yesterday.

ner said Towson Ford should be ordered to make restitution totaling \$5,355 to nine customers.

The president of the 40-year-old dealership, Ferdinand H. Onnen, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but the company's lawyer, George Baker, said his clients planned to file exceptions to the ruling.

PRINCE GEORGE'S**Fla. man sentenced for franchising fraud**

A 68-year-old Florida man received a three-year suspended prison sentence and five years' probation Tuesday for fraudulently selling imitation diamond franchises in Maryland.

Prince George's County Circuit Judge Robert Woods also ordered Martin W. Baum of Hallandale, Fla., to pay restitution of \$40,500 to three people who bought Fabulous Fakes of America Inc. and Fantastic Jewels Inc. franchises from him in 1983 and 1984.

Bruce Spizler, an assistant attorney general, said Baum told prospective franchisees that their gross annual sales would reach \$200,000 and their profits \$90,000 within three years.

ANNAPOLIS**Attorney is disbarred for misappropriation**

The Court of Appeals yesterday disbarred an Annapolis attorney, Zane Gray Nichols, for misappropriating a client's money.

Mr. Nichols did not contest the